

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 The zoom speed of a zoom function is detected by  
a zoom lever detection circuit. A sensed image is  
displayed on a monitor, and a desired partial region in  
that sensed image is designated using a region  
designation lever. A compression circuit compresses  
the designated region and a non-designated region using  
different characteristics. A region detector controls  
10 the designated region on the basis of the detected zoom  
speed.

15 In another arrangement, enlargement/reduction  
zoom operation by a zoom function is executed by a zoom  
lever. A sensed image is displayed on a monitor, and a  
desired partial region in that sensed image is  
designated using a region designation lever. A  
compression circuit compresses the designated region  
and a non-designated region using different  
characteristics. A region detector controls the  
20 designated region on the basis of the zoom operation.